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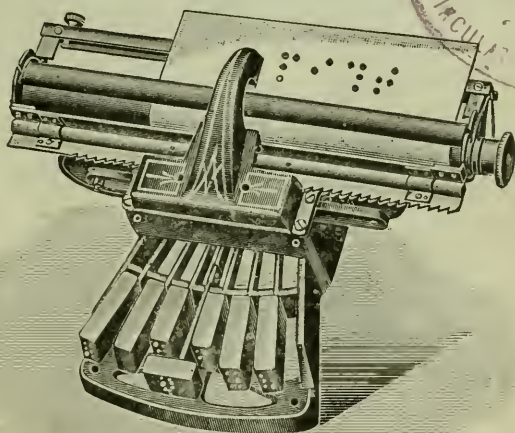
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## Union of Institutions and Societies for the Blind.

FOR some time the Northern Union of Institutions and Societies for the Blind has been in operation, and so successful has been its work that all England and Wales has now been apportioned into districts. The primary objects of these Unions are to promote such intercourse among existing agencies for and individuals interested in the welfare of the Blind living outside Institutions, as may lead to the organisation, unification, and extension of work on their behalf, and to the formation of Societies in districts where there are none existing, to the end that no blind persons may be left uncared for. Particular attention will be devoted to :—

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We earnestly recommend these useful agencies to the support of all friends of the Blind.



## Presentation at Birmingham Institution.

AN interesting function took place at the Birmingham Institution on December 15th, when several presentations were made to Mr. Henry Stainsby, who is resigning the post of General Superintendent and Secretary to take up a similar office with the British and Foreign Blind Association.

Mr. Registrar Lowe, the energetic Chairman of the Institution, who has contributed so largely of his time and means to promote its interests, presided, and there were present the Venerable Archdeacon Owen, the Honorary Chaplain of the Institution and a Member of the Royal Commission on the Blind; Mr. E. M. Goodman, late Chairman of the Institution; Members of Committee and their friends. Honorary Officers, Staff, Outworkers, Pupils, and Representatives of

the Home Teaching Branch. Many speeches were made, all bearing testimony to Mr. Stainsby's long service in the cause of the Blind.

A most graceful tribute has been paid to Mr. Stainsby's work by the inauguration of a Pension Fund, which is to bear his name, to provide pensions for deserving blind people. As a nucleus for this Fund the sum of £250 has been contributed by Members of the Committee, Staff, Honorary Officers, and other friends, without any appeal having yet been made to the public. The Fund will be managed by the Committee of the Birmingham Institution, as one of its departments, and it is hoped that in course of time it will increase to such an extent that many blind pensioners may have cause to remember Mr. Stainsby's work in Birmingham.

On the occasion of the presentations, the Chairman handed to Mr. Stainsby a copy of Laws governing the Pensions Fund, inscribed on vellum. The Chairman also announced that the Committee had decided to make Mr. Stainsby an Honorary Life Governor of the Institution.

In addition to these, a very handsome Dining Room Suite and an inlaid mahogany Bedroom Suite were given to Mr. Stainsby by the Committee, and a Writing Desk and Chair to match, were presented by the Staff, Honorary Officers, Workers, and friends. To this desk was attached a silver plate bearing the following inscription :

Presented to Mr. Henry Stainsby (together with a gift to Mrs. Stainsby) by past and present Honorary Officers, Staff, Workers, Friends, and Pupils of The General Institution for the Blind, Birmingham, in sincere appreciation of his devoted labours, expert knowledge, and sympathetic efforts during the long period of twenty-eight years spent in earnest endeavours to benefit the Blind.

At the same time, to perpetuate Mr. Stainsby's name in connection with the Institution, the sum of £250 was subscribed by the Committee, Honorary Officers, Staff, and friends of the Institution, to inaugurate a Fund to be called "The Henry Stainsby Pension Fund for the Blind."—December, 1908.

A number of the Blind Workers gave Mr. Stainsby a handsome presentation Fountain Pen, suitably inscribed; while the little children of the Branch Kindergarten School, not to be outdone, made an offering of a perfect and elegant miniature Tea Set, consisting of many pieces, all most beautifully made in bead-work by twenty-five of their number. From the Teaching Staff of the Kindergarten School there also came a large photograph of the School, handsomely framed.

It should be mentioned that the smaller girls of the Main Institution presented Mr. Stainsby with a dozen Serviette Rings of Bead-work, and the boys gave him a pair of Silver Candlesticks for use on his new writing desk.

Mr. A. R. Gaul, Mus. Bac., the Head Music Master of the Institution, gave Mr. Stainsby a complete set of his eight Cantatas (including his well-known "Holy City," "Ruth," etc.), bound in red cloth, with gilt edges, together with a signed and framed photograph of himself.

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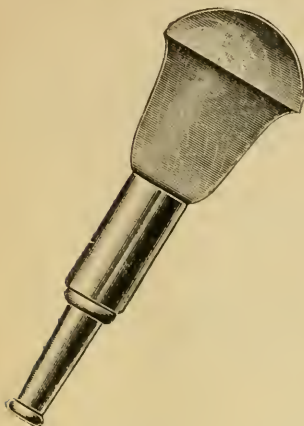


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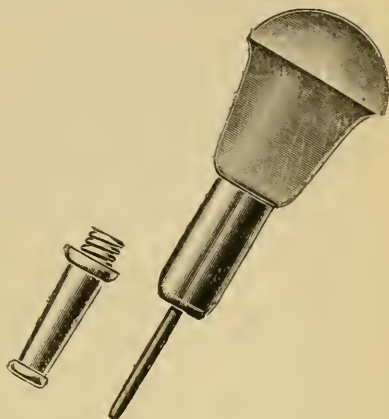
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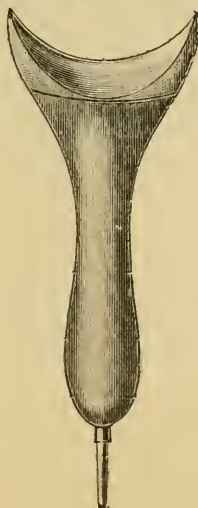
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## British and Foreign Blind Association.

**W**E have much pleasure in announcing that great developments are taking place at the British and Foreign Blind Association, Great Portland-street, W. The present buildings are altogether inadequate, while the only accommodation that can be provided for the blind workers and others is wholly unsuitable. In the present buildings it is quite impossible to extend the useful work of the Association, and the Council, of which Professor M. McHardy, F.R.C.S., the eminent ophthalmologist, is the energetic and resourceful chairman, are to be commended for their enterprise in acquiring a large new building site and opening a re-building fund. The great possibilities for good which lie before the Association encourage us to appeal to all interested in the education and employment of the blind to support the Council's laudable determination to extend the usefulness of the Association, by contributing generously to the re-building fund. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to influence donations from others if they cannot contribute themselves.

In connection with the rebuilding scheme of the Association, the Chairman, Professor McHardy, F.R.C.S., has undertaken, at the invitation of the Council, to inspect Institutions for the Blind in the United States and Canada. We cordially wish the Professor "God Speed" in his useful and interesting undertaking. We have abundant proof of his deep interest in the cause of the blind.

### Louis Braille Centenary. ✓

**I**N January, 1809, at Coupvray, Louis Braille, the illustrious inventor of the embossed point system which bears his name, was born; and it was fitting that the Institute Nationale des Jeunes Aveugles of Paris, of which Louis Braille was a scholar and professor, should have celebrated the centenary of his birth. The festivities commenced on January 27th, when a lecture was delivered by Monsiur Pierre Villey, Docteur ès Lettres, an ex-scholar of the Institution. An ode to Louis Braille by Edgar Guilbeau was included in the proceedings. On the following day a banquet was held at the Institution Nationale.

It is safe and right to say that the introduction of Braille into England was due to the keen foresight of the late Dr. T. R. Armitage, who saw that this wonderful system could be adapted to the reading and writing and music notation of practically any country in the world. With untiring energy he advocated the claims of Braille, with the result that he had the satisfaction of seeing it installed in most, if not all, of the Schools for the Blind of this country. As all our readers well know, Dr. Armitage founded the British and Foreign Blind Association, from whence large quantities of Braille literature are issued. It was fitting, therefore, that the Council of the Association should send their warm congratulations to the promoters of the Louis Braille Centenary.



## Notes by the Way.

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### SUCCESSFUL BLIND STUDENTS.

We have much pleasure in announcing the following successes of blind students at recent examinations :—*Royal Academy of Music* : Nellie Owen, of the Royal Normal College for the Blind, passed the Licentiate Examination for Pianoforte playing. *Royal College of Organists* : John Lawson and Leslie Kenny, of the Royal Normal College for the Blind, Hugh H. Berridge, of the School for the Blind, Swiss Cottage, N.W., and Samuel James Brooks, of the School for the Blind, Leatherhead, all passed the Associateship examination ; and Arthur William Hayhow, of the Swiss Cottage School, passed the theoretical stage of the same examination.

### Von unsern Blinden.

This is an illustrated magazine, printed in ordinary type, published by Mr. A. Mell, superintendent of the Imperial Institution for the Education of the Blind, Vienna, Austria. Price, 1s. a year, post free. Contents for January : Louis Braille's Centenary—Christmas Exhibition and Christmas Day in our Institute—Miss Ann Karschin's Petition for a Blind Girl (1791)—Notes of the Museum—Library for the Blind, etc.

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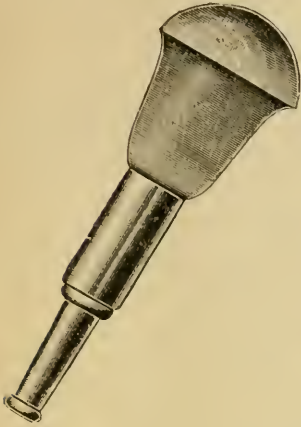
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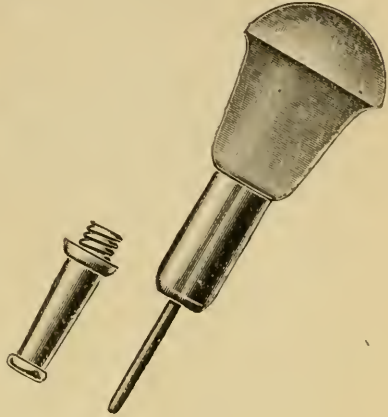
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The Feb. No. contains: Varia—Edgar Allan Poe—Annabel Lee—An Episode of the White Terror—Sayings and Doings of Children—The Conspiracy Aboard the *Midas*—Marjorie Daw (*concluded*). 60 pp., interpointed price 1s., post free, or 12s. per annum: published at the Royal Blind Asylum and School, West Craigmillar, Edinburgh.

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Contents for Feb.: Kalendar—Table of Lessons—Gospels and Parables—Hymns (A. and M.) 183 and 90—Some Thoughts on the Parables of Jesus—Our Private Prayers, by the late Bishop of St. Andrews (*to be cont.*)—Clews to Holy Writ, the Bible—Church and Mission Notes—Life of Bishop Selwyn, by the Rev. Canon Curtess (*to be cont.*) All contents published by permission. Subscription, single copies, 1s.; annual, 10s. Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Miss Langton, 2, Percy Villas, Campden Hill, London, W.

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A Sunday magazine in Braille (Grade II.) will be issued each week, commencing January, 1909. Price 2d. The magazine will contain several articles. Miss Halkett, Pitfirrane, Dunfermline, Fife.

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## College of Teachers of the Blind. ✓

THE College of Teachers of the Blind was established with the primary object of encouraging teachers to submit their special qualifications to the scrutiny of an accredited examining body, so that upon proof of fitness a certificate of efficiency might be awarded to them. The idea of the formation of the College originated with Dr. Eichholz, his Majesty's Inspector of Special Schools, who was convinced of the very useful purpose the College would serve in the education of the Blind by raising the standard of teachers engaged in this special work. Its Vice-Presidents are the Earl of Crewe, Viscount Cobham, Viscount Selby, Lord Kinnaird, and the Bishop of London. The office of the College is that of the British and Foreign Blind Association, whose Secretary-General, Mr. Henry Stainsby, is the Registrar of the College. Mr. Henry J. Wilson is the Chairman of the College and it was at the offices of Gardner's Trust for the Blind, Victoria Street, of which institution he is Secretary, that the First Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, February 6th, 1909. Lord Kinnaird presided, and there were present amongst others, the Ven. Archdeacon of Middlesex, the Hon. Arthur M. Kinnaird (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Henry J. Wilson (Chairman), and Mr. Henry Stainsby (Registrar of the College), the Rev. St. Clare Hill, Dr. and Mrs. Ranger, Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Campbell (Royal Normal College for the Blind), Mr. B. P. Jones (Superintendent of Blind Schools under the London County Council), and a number of representatives of London and provincial Institutions for the teaching of the Blind. Lord Kinnaird, in opening the meeting, said he thought they might congratulate themselves upon the first year's work accomplished by the College. Of the thirty-three candidates at the first examination seven had satisfied the examiners in all compulsory subjects and had been awarded certificates as Teacher of the Blind. The community needed to be awakened to a sense of their duty to give the Blind every advantage in the way of training, and, when trained, to afford them a fair chance, assuming they were fit for it, of holding suitable positions. The College had a good deal of work before it, and he hoped its second year would be as successful as its first. The Registrar announced that negotiations were in progress for the recognition of



the College by the Board of Education. Dr. Ranger, in moving the adoption of the First Annual Report, said the existence of the College was but the evidence of the great change which had taken place in this generation in the general view of blindness. Blindness was now recognised to be a pure deduction, not necessarily followed by any good to the person who suffered it; but it was also recognised that there was a grand residue of faculties which was well worth cultivating. (Hear, hear.) The Report was adopted, and the objects of the College were subsequently extended so as to enable the Executive Committee to grant Fellowships to those persons who have done distinguished service in the Education of the Blind, provided their experience extends over a period of not less than ten years. The motto of the College is "Nisi Dominus frustra," indicating in outline the opening passage of the 127th Psalm, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

### Gardner's Trust for the Blind.

WE have received a copy of the Annual Report of Gardner's Trust for the Blind, which provides useful and interesting reading, and shows what an important place this valuable and well-administered Trust takes in the Education, Employment and General Care of the Blind of England and Wales. The following grants were made during the year ended 31st December, 1908 :—

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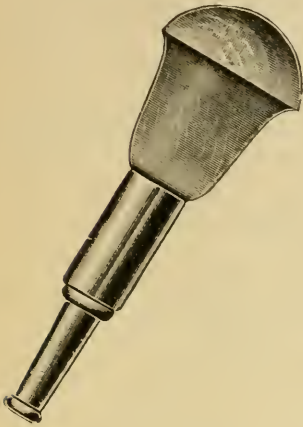
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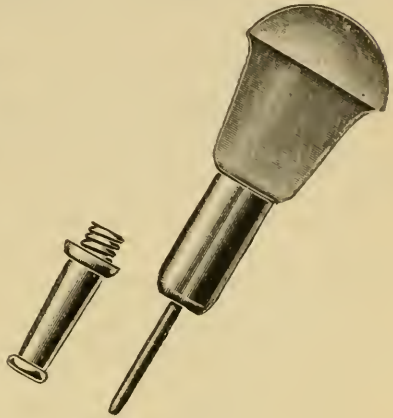
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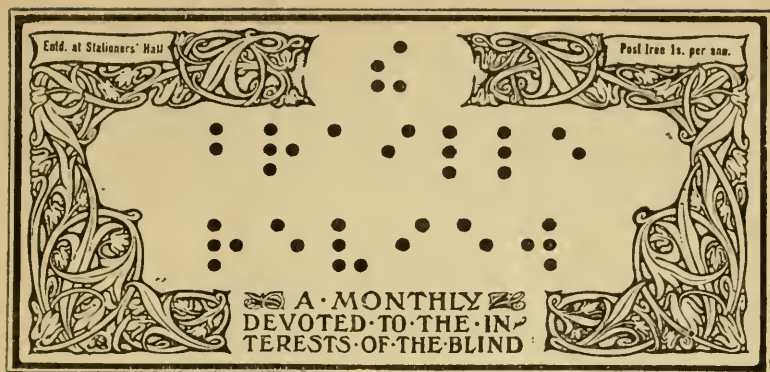
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1. What care, especially with regard to the senses, should be bestowed on the blind during their infancy, in order that, in due time, their intellectual education may go on rapidly and resemble, as far as possible, that given to those who enjoy the blessing of sight.
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3. Are there any employments in which people who can see are employed, that, by dividing the work the Blind might be engaged in?
4. What should the education given to blind women in Asylums aim at? Should it be to enable them to exercise a profession? To become workwomen? Useful members of families? Helpers in household work? Useful elements in other Asylums for the Blind or sighted?
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6. Whether it be advisable in the treatment of patients afflicted with diseases immediately conducive to blindness, to give them, while their sight yet remains, such instruction as may be necessary to them when blindness overtakes them?

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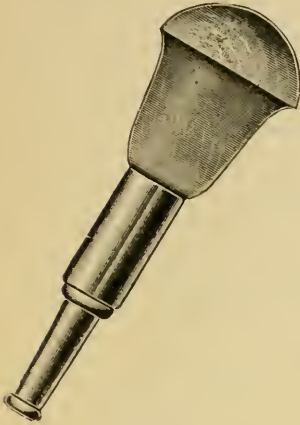
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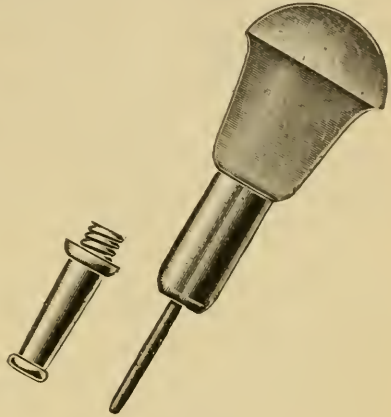
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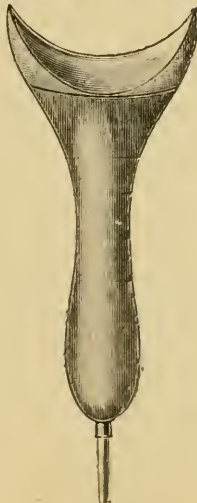
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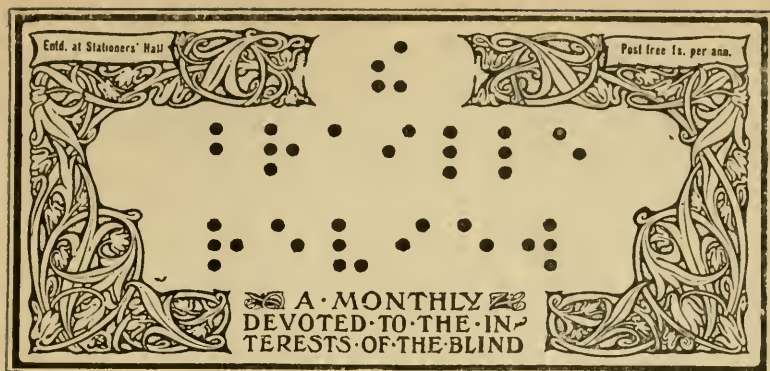
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**T**HIS College was originated in 1866 by the late Rev. William Taylor, of Worcester, and the Rev. R. H. Blair, its first Head Master, with the intention of providing for blind boys (including especially those with deficient sight) of the Professional Classes, and as far as possible for all blind boys of exceptional ability, what had so long been provided for sighted boys, a sound and liberal education which should fit them for the Universities and Professional Careers. On the preferment of Mr. Blair in 1872, his place was taken by the Rev. S. S. Forster. Mainly owing to his exertions, in 1889, the Property was vested in Trustees under a Deed of Foundation, and in 1895, the late Miss Eliza Warrington, of Malvern Wells, gave the College its present freehold site, and subsequently gave £8,000. Through this munificent gift, after having been originally located in the Ancient Commandery, Worcester, for the first twenty-one years of its existence, and from thence removed to Slaughter's Court, Powick, in 1887, the College found a permanent home in a building of its own in 1902. This consists of a Head Master's House, rooms for the Assistant Masters, and accommodation for about 30 boys, and is capable of easy extension. A large room has been recently added, in which are a fine organ and some portable gymnastic appliances, and in which Concerts and Lectures are periodically given. Another large room has also just been erected, in which instruction is given in carpentry, and facilities are afforded for in-door recreation of every kind. The permanent Endowment of the College amounts to about £130 per annum, which the Governors earnestly wish to augment, so as to secure the more adequate remuneration of the staff. Among its other resources, subject however to obvious conditions, may be mentioned two Scholarships of £20 a year each, a Scholarship of £10 per annum, in memory of the late Rev. S. S. Forster, and a temporary Scholarship of £30 a year from the Warwickshire County Council, a Himing Prize of £1 1s.; and for many years the Masters and Boys of Uppingham School have contributed from the School Offertories an Exhibition from £20 to £30

a year. The Committee of Gardners' Trust have for many years assisted Students at this College very liberally, and at the present time Scholarships of the value of £250 a year on the aggregate are available. At times the Clothworkers' Company and the Worcestershire and Staffordshire County Councils have also granted Scholarships. Prizes are also kindly presented annually for Classics by the Rev. Canon J. M. Wilson, in memory of the late Rev. S. S. Forster ; for Mathematics, by Mr. W. Kilbourne Kay ; for Modern Languages, by the Misses Bird ; for Divinity, by the Rev. H. J. R. Marston, M.A. ; for English Literature, in memory of the late H. R. Himing ; for an English Essay, by W. H. Dixon, M.A. This College is believed to be the only Institution of its kind in the world, and its value has been abundantly demonstrated. About 120 pupils have passed through it, and the extraordinary number of 55 have graduated at one or other of the Universities. Among the distinctions gained by the Blind Students of the College are one Fellowship ; 12 Open Scholarships or Exhibitions ; 30 Honour Degrees in Classics, Mathematics, History, Law, Theology, or English Literature ; one D.D., one D.C.L., one B.D., and one Mus. Bac. Of those who have graduated 30 are in Holy Orders, half of whom are Incumbents, and many others are doing valuable work in the Musical, Legal, or Scholastic Professions. This proportion of Distinctions far exceeds that of similar Schools for the sighted. The College is annually examined by the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board, and their reports have been very satisfactory. Its pupils have come from the United Kingdom, many of our Colonies, and the U.S.A. The Fees are £50 for very young boys, and rise to as much £100 according to the Student's age and circumstances. But a large proportion of blind boys are unable to command such a sum, and hence the imperative necessity of Scholarships and Endowments. An immediate need moreover is the completion of the present College buildings by the addition of a chapel, a library and reading room, a swimming bath, books, and other equipment, the proper laying out of the grounds for the recreation of the Students, and a lodge for a manservant and his wife. Before long some extension of dormitory accommodation may be wanted. Further information may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Dr. Ranger, Langbourn Chambers, 17, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.; from Canon Wilson, The College, Worcester, Honorary Secretary of Local Committee ; or the Head Master, Rev. T. Barnard, M.A., College for the Higher Education of the Blind Worcester.

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### How Approaching Blindness may be prepared for.

**A**T the International Congress for the Improvement of the Condition of the Blind, recently held at Naples, and at which representatives of every nation, including England and Scotland, were present, one of the subjects discussed was the employments in which blind people might be engaged. The most important subject discussed, however, was the following—"Whether it be advisable in the treatment of patients afflicted with diseases immediately conducive to blindness, to give them, while their sight yet

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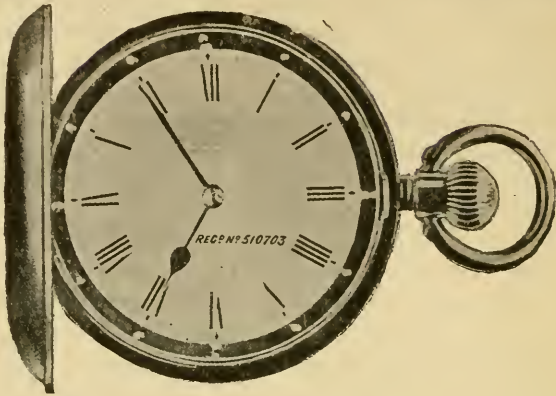
remains, such instruction as may be necessary to them when blindness overtakes them?" Professor Neüschuler, of Rome, recommended every oculist to prepare each patient for his approaching blindness and to utilise whatever sight still remained in learning the Braille system, to develop his senses, and generally to make him realise that even the loss of one's sight, terrible as it is, is not necessarily a living tomb or a "jump into obscurity," as the French call it. He recommended, moreover, that the patient who is certain to become completely blind should make friends with some other blind man, and so accustom himself beforehand to the new existence. A suggestion that special classes for myopes should be opened in every country was warmly endorsed by the famous Dr. Dufour, of Lausanne, whom Mr. Joseph Chamberlain specially visited last year. Dr. Dufour said that for myopes classes were wanted such as those which existed in the times of Plato and Socrates, when masters taught pupils their lessons while promenading. With reference to advising a patient of his forthcoming blindness, Dr. Dufour stated that it was of the greatest importance to study well the temperament of the person. He cited three different cases which showed the different effects of such announcement. One woman who was told by him that she had cataract coming, threw herself into a lake. A lawyer profited by his warning to the point of liquidating all his business and making the necessary preparations for his new existence. Yet another woman, who will one day be blind, and is now learning the Braille system, continually blames him for not having kept the news from her.

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### Blind Students' Examination Successes.

THE following pupils of Henshaw's Blind Asylum, Manchester, have passed the Matriculation Examination of the University of Durham, in the Faculty of Music:—W. E. Platt, F. W. Andrews, F. Parker, G. W. Hilditch. In addition to the handicap of blindness, these boys were probably the youngest candidates entered for the examination, three being 18 and one 17 years of age. The papers were, of course, the same as those for seeing students, and were dictated to the Henshaw's candidates, who wrote first the questions and then their answers in Braille type. No time was allowed for their answers beyond that given to the seeing candidates.

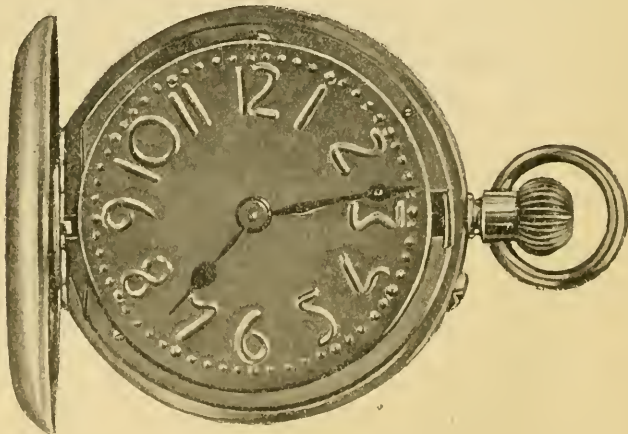
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## The Educational Side of University Life. ✓

**W**HEN the Editor asked me to write an article on this subject, I felt in somewhat of a difficulty. It is not long since I put together for the pages of *Morning* an article entitled "Blind Students." It ran through the magazine, and dealt with the matter in idea as well as in history. A long paragraph has also appeared in *Progress* with regard to the foundation of the "Blind Students' Library" at Oxford. The articles on "Blind Students" will later on appear in book form, but in the meantime I will endeavour to set forth, as briefly as possible, what there is to be said on the subject.

The blind scholar is no new phenomenon, for there seems reason to believe that Socrates, one of the early fathers of the Christian Church, was deprived of sight; and it was to be expected that the blind undergraduate should manifest himself long before the advent of Braille. In the fifteenth century Nicasius de Vourde studied at Louvaine, and was accorded a D.D. at Cologne. At the end of the seventeenth century William Jameson was professor of History at Glasgow. A hundred years afterwards Sanderson was professor of astronomy at Cambridge, and Nicholas Bacon took a legal degree at Vurussels. Later on Hokiichi lectured in Japan, and brought out the finest edition of the Japanese literature. The rectory of Crowland had been held by a blind man, and one of the first "Halls" in Oxford had been directed by one who was blind.

But no sooner had the Blind been given the chance of reading for themselves than students from among their ranks became common. A considerable impetus was given to this side of education by the founding, about 1869, of the College for the Higher Education of the Blind at Worcester, and although all the blind students at English universities have not come from thence, its standing as the one public school that devotes itself exclusively to the higher education of the blind has done more than any other factor to make the blind student a recognised phenomenon.

The first thing a man has to do, if he goes to Oxford or Cambridge, is to determine what is to be his college. A blind man finds it easier to work as a non-collegiate student. Not being tied down to any routine with regard to meals, he may work when he likes—a very important consideration, as it is well not to keep one's "reader" up too late. At the same time, it must be owned that there is a certain charm and advantage in living the common life of a college, especially if it be



one of those societies which has old associations. It is, of course, possible to belong to a college whilst "living out" during the whole of one's course, but it does not seem worth while to pay for the privilege of merely belonging to the college. Whatever they do, blind men should not join the same college, or inhabit rooms in the same house. Such a proceeding tends to make them a class apart, and they should aim at living as normal lives as possible.

It is also not wise for a blind man to live with his "people," as he will not be likely to attain to that self-reliance so essential to the Blind. For the same reason, it seems better that he should go to Oxford or Cambridge rather than to a non-residential university like London.

Having fixed upon his college, a man will arrange to sit for his entrance examination under its auspices. In most universities this test is termed the "Matriculation Examination" (generally called "Matric" for short). At Oxford and Cambridge there are several modes of entry. One of these is by means of the "Local Examinations" held at centres. Another is by the recognised examination, called at Oxford "Responsions" or "Smalls," and at Cambridge the "Previous" or "Littlego." For "Smalls" there is required a certain amount of mathematics and a given amount of classics. Most of the classical books necessary are printed in Braille, and the mathematics are fairly accessible. At Cambridge the amount of mathematics required is rather more and the classics rather less than at Oxford.

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*(To be Continued.)*

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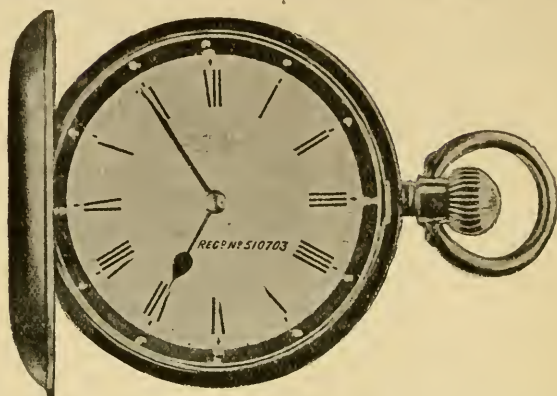
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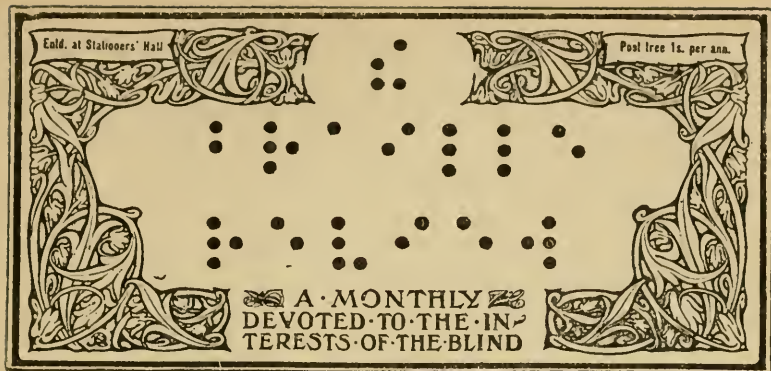
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## The Educational Side of University Life.

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One of the necessities of a blind man at a university is a reader, usually a fledgeling from an elementary school. His education is not always of the best, and he may talk about "invertebrated" or "converted" commas. On the other hand, I have known a good many readers who were taught Braille, and thus proved extremely useful to their employers. During the last ten years a good many of the most important books in the various honour-schools have been written out in Braille at Oxford, and thus it has been made possible, though of course not easy, to take a degree in modern history, classics, and English without employing a reader. If a student is being read to, it is well for him not to take too many notes, otherwise he will not read them.

A student at a university may elect to take one of two courses—either he will read for a pass, which means the getting up of a given number of books on various subjects; or he will try for honours, which involve a rather detailed knowledge of but one subject. In the latter case he will generally pay a visit to his tutor once a week with an essay, for it is not enough to know one's subject; it is necessary to be able to express oneself in an interesting and intelligible manner. Most blind men write their own essays, and read them to their tutors.

Of the terminal examinations nothing need be said here, as I shall later speak of examinations generally.

But it is not merely in the relation of a student that the undergraduate has the chance of preparing for his degree. I will not trench on the subject of your previous contributor on "Varsity Life," further than to say that in some cases societies exist for the study of intellectual subjects—historical, literary, philosophical, theological, etc., so that students are given the chance of threshing out knotty problems among themselves.

Unfortunately, the student has the Damocles-sword of an examination hanging perpetually over his head. This is a rather expensive matter, for in the case of a blind man there is the amanuensis to be paid, as well as an invigilator, whose business is to see that the amanuensis does no more than his duty. It is far better to dictate the answers to questions at once than either to use a typewriter or copy such answers in Braille, as much time is spent, in the latter case, in re-copying. It seems probable that expenses will be greatly lessened in the near future by an arrangement whereby the invigilator may be dispensed with, provided the amanuensis is a responsible person.

It is the almost invariable practice of blind men to read for honours, and where this is so, there is much more real mental work. In a pass paper the object is to answer as many questions as possible. Nearly every question in an "honour" paper is intended to be the subject of an essay. The result is that, except with regard to mathematics, the more the candidate knows, the fewer questions does he undertake to answer, but those questions he answers exhaustively.

And what of results. Well, it is safe to say that at least sixty blind men have, during the last thirty years, graduated in the British Empire alone. Of these Dr. Ranger, after having taken first-class honours in jurisprudence and first-class honours in the B.C.L. examination, as well as his doctorate of civil law, is now the head of the firm of Ranger, Burton, and Frost. The Rev. H. J. R. Marston, having been accorded a first in classical and general literature and a fellowship of Dublin University, is the minister of a church in the West-end of London. The Rev. J. P. Jones, after having left Oxford with a first-class in modern history, is now one of the greatest preachers in Wales; not to speak of Canon Robbins, of Rochester, D.D. of Dublin. The list also includes four or five qualified lawyers, a mathematical tutor in Cambridge, a doctor of music, two bachelors of music, and something like twenty beneficed clergymen. In this connection the name of George Barker should be mentioned. He was only the fourth man to take a first in English at Oxford, but he was unfortunately drowned at the age of twenty-four.

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## The British and Foreign Blind Association. ✓

**W**E are pleased to announce that the Council of the British and Foreign Blind Association have secured a large building site in Great Portland Street, W., a few numbers to the north of their present premises, and are now busy preparing plans for a new building which will afford much greater facilities for the production and storage of books, apparatus, etc., and for the general conduct of business.

The present buildings are totally inadequate and unsuitable: moreover the lease is running out, so that a change is inevitable. The energetic and resourceful Chairman of the Association (Professor McHardy), who is intensely sympathetic towards the Blind, has recently spent several months in America, and has brought back with him a knowledge of all that is best in building construction, and a great store of information on matters pertaining to the education, employment and general care of the blind.

We are not yet in a position to give details as to the uses to which the new building will be put, but we are convinced that our readers and friends will be gratified at the enterprise and energy the Council are displaying in embarking on such a great undertaking, especially when full particulars of the scheme are known.

The cost of the building will probably be not less than £20,000, and the Council make an earnest appeal for funds to place this National and International Association on a thoroughly sound financial basis, so that it may minister in a great variety of ways to the needs of the Blind.

We are expecting to announce very shortly great developments in the matter of stereotyping and embossing machines, whereby literature may be rapidly produced at a minimum cost.

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## Important Announcement.

**W**E are pleased to announce that arrangements have just been made to hold a Public Meeting at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, 6th October, 1909, at 3.30 p.m., to further the aims of The British and Foreign Blind Association. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Wyatt Truscott, has kindly consented to preside; the Lady Mayoress will also be present. The Council of the Association are most anxious to make the meeting a thoroughly successful one, and all friends of the Blind are invited to co-operate to bring about this result.

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## Louis Braille Centenary.

**I**N commemoration of the work of Louis Braille, the Council of The British and Foreign Blind Association presented the National Institution in Paris—the school in which Louis Braille worked—with several beautifully-bound volumes of Braille literature to be placed in the library of the Institution. Mr. H. M. Taylor, a member of the Council and founder of the Embossed Scientific Books Fund, also made a similar presentation. The Secretary-General of the British and Foreign Blind Association has received a gratifying acknowledgment, of which the following is a copy:—

(TRANSLATION).

Institution Nationale des Jeunes Aveugles,  
56, Boulevard des Invalides, Paris.  
24th June, 1909.

The Secretary-General.

Dear Sir,

In the name of the Institution Nationale des Jeunes Aveugles and of the Members of the Staff of Professors I have the honour to thank you for the four volumes which The British and Foreign Blind Association and Mr. Taylor have so kindly sent as a souvenir in commemoration of our Louis Braille, whose Centenary we have just celebrated.

These volumes are placed in the Library of the Institution, and we notice with interest that they are stereotyped with the correctness and perfection which show the great value of your mechanical process; we appreciate the binding all the more because it has been done on your premises.

We much appreciate the sentiment which has caused you to show your recognition and admiration of the memory of him whose system, so simple and so rational in its arrangement, permits the Blind to take part in the intellectual life with other men.

I beg you, Sir, to be good enough to convey our sincere thanks to all the Members of the Committee of The British and Foreign Blind Association.

Believe me, with very great esteem,

THE DIRECTOR.

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## Progress.

**W**E cordially invite each of our sighted readers to give pleasure to some blind person known to them by ordering a copy of the Braille magazine *Progress*, to be sent to such blind person every month. This magazine is published by The British and Foreign Blind Association at the low price of 6d. per month, post free—needless to say, at a heavy loss to the Association. The magazine contains articles which are not only of an interesting character, but also useful to the Blind in pursuit of their calling. The circulation of the magazine is rapidly increasing.

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ON 21st and 22nd June, 1909, an important Conference of Blind Musicians was held at the Royal Normal College for the Blind, on the invitation of Sir Francis and Lady Campbell. Among those who accepted were Miss Emily Lucas, Miss M. Davis, Dr. S. Corbett, Messrs. H. G. Oke, D. Haller, A. F. Lander, H. C. Warrilow, H. E. Platt, W. P. Merrick, L. Smith, A. Wilmot, Percy Way, James Crowley, L. Kenny, J. Lawson, H. Watling, Percy Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Campbell and Mr. H. Stainsby were also present.

Much important business was transacted, the details of which it is impossible to give here, but the principal items of the Agenda were:—

- (a) The scarcity of good music, and literature relating to music, available for the Blind Musician.
- (b) Recommendations to The British and Foreign Blind Association with regard to the publication of a long list of approved anthems, settings to Church Services, etc.; also a number of books.
- (c) Suggestions with regard to improved methods of writing Braille music.
- (d) The necessity for a good magazine for the Blind devoted entirely to literature relating to Music.

The Minutes have been gratuitously embossed and circulated by The British and Foreign Blind Association amongst fifty known blind organists, and the Secretary-General of the Association will be pleased to send a copy to any organist who has not received one.

The Council of The British and Foreign Blind Association have decided to proceed to publish the selected pieces as time, circumstances and funds permit. It has been suggested that the Blind and their friends who are interested in music should make a determined and immediate effort to collect funds to enable the Association to carry out this great work. Any money thus subscribed would be used exclusively for defraying the cost of the production of the plates from which the music would be embossed. We are convinced that if an effort were made, sufficient funds would be immediately forthcoming.

We shall be pleased to hear from our readers with regard to this matter.

## Association Notes.

### PROPOSED TEACHERS' MANUAL.

In response to last month's note we have received a few names of those wishing to have a copy of Chambers' Object Lesson Manual, Book 1., if published, but not yet sufficient to warrant the Association incurring the expense of stereotyping. There is yet time for those to write who intended to do so last month, but forgot. The work will be in one large volume, price 4/-.

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There is evidence of a considerable demand for the above, and we are still receiving orders for the same. This will be published in the small size paper, 10½ in. wide by 8½ in. deep. The work will be embossed on durable cartridge paper, and will make 3 vols., price 2/3 each.

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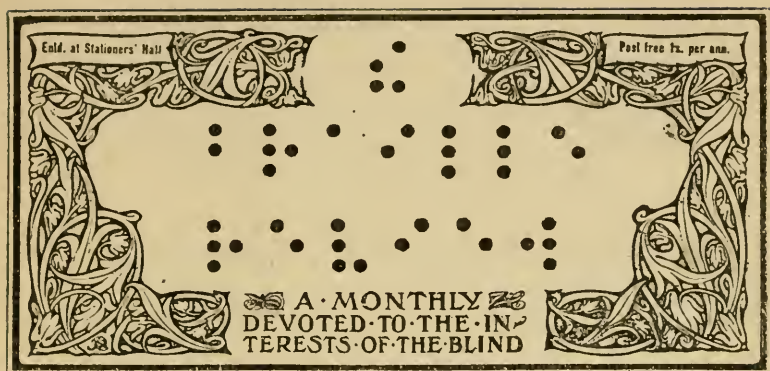
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## The Board of Education and Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

**R**EVISED regulations applicable to schools for blind, deaf, defective, and epileptic children have been issued by the Board of Education, and will come into force on September 1st next. The principal alterations which have been made in this year's issue of the Regulations relate to the conditions for the recognition of teachers in schools for blind and deaf children, contained in Articles 16 and 17.

The Board think that it is important to secure that persons who are proposing in future to teach in these schools should be more systematically trained and tested with a view to their special work than has always been the case in the past. For this reason they introduced into the Regulations for the Training of Teachers for Elementary Schools in 1908 a new chapter providing for courses of training specially designed to prepare for work in special elementary schools of various types. The Board hope that an increasing number of teachers will, in the future, avail themselves of these provisions and undertake courses of training in accordance with the Regulations either for two years or three years.

For the present, however, at any rate, the teachers who have been specially trained in this way are not likely to be sufficient in number to supply the needs of the schools, and such teachers will have to be supplemented by persons who are qualified as certificated or uncertificated teachers in the ordinary way, and who later on wish to take up work in special elementary schools without having obtained any special training for this work.

The new Regulations provide that certificated and uncertificated teachers who have not in the past been recognised in schools for blind or deaf children will, in future, only be recognised provisionally as assistant teachers in such schools for a period of two years from the date of their appointment, and that their recognition either as head teachers or as permanent assistant teachers will be conditional

on their passing an examination approved by the Board in the methods of teaching in schools for blind children or in schools for deaf children as the case may be. Proposals have been submitted to the Board by the College of Teachers of the Blind and the Joint Examination Board for Teachers of the Deaf with a view to the organisation of examinations which may be approved by the Board for this purpose, and these proposals are now receiving the consideration of the Board.

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## College of Teachers of the Blind.

**A**S announced in our July number, the 1909 Examination of the College was held on 6th, 7th and 8th July, at Linden Lodge School for the Blind, Wandsworth Common, S.W. Thirty candidates sat for the Examination. The successful candidates are as follows :—

Bartlett, Miss C. E., Honours in Arithmetic and Practical Teaching.  
 Bell, Miss F., Honours in Theoretical Braille.  
 Boyland, Miss F., Honours in Arithmetic.  
 Cash, Mr. H.  
 Cowan, Mr. A. A., Honours in Theoretical Braille, Arithmetic and Practical Teaching.  
 Emmott, Miss H. E., Honours in Practical Braille, Arithmetic, Practical Teaching and Manual Work.  
 Fitzsimmons, Miss E., Honours in Theoretical Braille, Arithmetic and Practical Teaching.  
 Gray, Mr. P., Honours in Practical Braille, Arithmetic and Typewriting.  
 Illingworth, Mr. J. S., Honours in Theoretical Braille and History of the Education of the Blind.  
 Jones, Miss E. M. J., Honours in Theoretical Braille, Practical Braille and Braille Music.  
 Laycock, Miss A. E., Honours in Arithmetic.  
 Lilley, Miss A. J., Honours in Practical Braille, Arithmetic and Practical Teaching.  
 Morley, Miss E. E., Honours in Theoretical Braille and Arithmetic.  
 Robinson, Mr. S., Honours in Arithmetic.  
 Styles, Miss F. F., Honours in Practical Braille and Arithmetic.  
 Walden, Mr. H. G., Honours in Theoretical Braille, Arithmetic and Moon's System.  
 Warburton, Miss E. B.  
 Williams, Miss E. M., Honours in Practical Braille and Arithmetic.  
 Wright, Miss D. A., Honours in Theoretical Braille, Practical Braille, Arithmetic, and Practical Teaching.

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## Blind Railway Passengers.

**M**OST of our readers are aware that the Great Eastern Railway Company have recently refused to carry blind persons as passengers unless they would sign the following agreement :—

“Address.....to Great Eastern Railway.

“In consideration of the Company allowing me to travel unaccompanied by an attendant or guide, I agree to relieve the Company from all liability for any injury or damage which I may sustain while travelling on the railway or while being upon or in any way using any of the premises of the Company whether such injury or damage is caused by any negligence of their servants or otherwise. I also undertake to provide for my assistance a guide to see me safely in and out of the railway carriage at the following points :—

1. At the station at which the journey commences,
2. At any junction station where I may have to change carriages, and
3. At the station at which my journey ends.

"In the event of my failing to provide such a guide, the Company to exercise their right of refusing to allow me to travel by their railway.

"Signature.....

"Dated this.....day of.....19...

"Witness ....."

Subsequently another Form was substituted, limiting the liability of the Company to accidents which are not caused by the blindness of the traveller. The matter has been the subject of much correspondence and discussion, and has been brought before the House of Commons and the Board of Trade. On 9th August, 1909, the latter wrote to the G.E.R. in the following terms:—

"BOARD OF TRADE,

"SIR,

Aug. 9th, 1909.

In reply to your letter of the 15th ult. respecting the conveyance of blind passengers, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state for the information of your Directors that in their opinion the Company might reasonably allow blind passengers to travel at their own risk, so far as any accident due to their defective vision is concerned, without requiring them to be accompanied by an attendant at the terminal stations and intermediate stations at which they have to change carriages. I am to add that the Board cannot see that any real responsibility for an accident to a blind person, which was clearly due to his blindness, would rest either with the Company or with the Department.

"Yours faithfully,

W. F. MARWOOD."

In reply to a letter from Mr. Ashford, a blind gentleman residing at Ipswich, the General Manager of the G.E.R. wrote under date, 17th August, 1909:—

"DEAR SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., I beg to inform you that no agreement will now be necessary, the Board of Trade having expressed the opinion that blind passengers might be allowed to travel at their own risk, so far as any accident due to their defective sight is concerned, without requiring them to be accompanied by an attendant. We consider therefore that we are relieved from censure should an accident occur. Yours etc., J. GOODAY."

From this letter it is clear that the G.E.R. have withdrawn their new regulations with regard to blind travellers, and we hope therefore that the matter is at an end.

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## Pensions for the Blind.

TO commemorate the Jubilee of the Society for granting Annuities to the Poor Adult Blind, its Committee have decided to increase the annuities of 50 of the poorest of its pensioners from £6 to £10 per annum, and they look forward to the time when the state of their funds will enable them to treat the whole of their 250 pensioners in the same way.

We are pleased to notice that this Society will benefit under the will of the late Mrs. Evans, of Roehampton, Surrey, to the extent of £5,000.

*The Morning Post* announces that, "having regard to the overwhelming number of applicants on the waiting list, and to the small number



of vacancies falling in annually, the trustees of the Blind Man's Friend Charity have decided not to receive any further applications for pensions until July 12th, 1910."

We have on several occasions drawn attention to the fact that there are a large number of pensions not specially founded for the benefit of the Blind, but to which the Blind are eligible, and we have recommended, and again recommend, our readers to ascertain what pension societies exist in their locality, and whether they are eligible for such. Besides these local pension societies there are a number of others of a more general character which can and will assist the Blind. The last Report of the Aged Pilgrims' Friend Society (83, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.) lies before us, and from it we learn that during the year there were 1,684 pensioners on their books; 236 were on the ten guinea pension, 1,099 on the seven guinea, and 349 on the five guinea. The total amount expended by the Society amounted to £12,081. The Society also expends about £2,000 per annum in maintaining several delightful homes in London. Christian blind persons are eligible for these pensions.

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## Preventable Blindness.

THE report of the Committee appointed at the last International Conference on the Blind to deal with this important subject has just been issued.

The Committee state that more than one-third of the blindness found in British Blind Schools is due to "Ophthalmia of the New-Born,"—a disease which is entirely preventable, and easily cured if taken in time. They recommend, therefore, that it should be scheduled as Compulsorily Notifiable under the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889. They are also of opinion that more definite teaching should be given to midwives on the seriousness of eye disease in children, and on precautions against blindness which should be taken at the birth of the child. The Report contains a suggestion to the Registrar-General that in the next census returns "blindness" should be defined in a manner similar to the following:—

1. Stone Blind, *i.e.*, the individual has no power to see the movement of fingers before the eyes.
2. Partially Blind, *i.e.*, in the case of—
  - i. *Children.* Those who have not sufficient sight (even with the aid of glasses) to be taught in an ordinary school.
  - ii. *Adults.* Those who have not sufficient sight (even with the aid of glasses) to earn a living by ordinary means.

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## News Notes.

**"Light on Dark Paths."**—An artistically produced and beautifully illustrated appeal-souvenir, with the above title, is being issued by The British and Foreign Blind Association. It is printed entirely on the Association's premises, and the Secretary-General will gladly forward one to anyone who would use it in the interests of the Association, on application being received at the offices.

**Complimentary Dinner.**—We have received a circular announcing that a Complimentary Dinner to Sir Francis and Lady Campbell will take place at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, 22nd October, at 7 p.m. Persons actively interested in the cause of the Blind are invited. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. H. J. Wilson, 53, Victoria St., S.W.

**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—In Newcastle the care of the Blind has been carried on by two independent Institutions, The Royal Victoria Institution for the Blind, and the Workshops for the Adult Blind, but on account of the difficulty of disposing of the goods made by the latter, it has been decided to unite the two Institutions under the management of Mr. W. Robertson, the House Governor of the Royal Victoria School. We hope and believe that the new arrangement will meet with the success it deserves.

**Developments in New Zealand.**—On Friday, 21st May, 1909, the new Jubilee Institute for the Blind at Auckland was opened by the Governor of New Zealand, Lord Plunket. It is a fine brick structure of two storeys, surrounded by spacious verandahs and corresponding balconies, and is provided with the most up-to-date class-rooms, dormitories, gymnasium, workshops, lavatories, etc., and should enable those engaged in the education of the Blind to carry out their work with still greater success than was possible in the old and inadequate premises. The Principal is Mr. Chas. H. Frayling, who was appointed three years ago, and previous to that was engaged in the education of the Blind at Birmingham. The systems of reading and writing are the same as those used in England, namely Braille and Moon. The Braille Shorthand system is also used.

**Proposed Workshops at Derby.**—About eighty blind persons live in Derby, and only a few of these are trained workers earning their own living. To remedy this, an influential committee, of which Sir Henry Bemrose is one, has been appointed to consider the establishment of workshops for the Blind in the town. These workshops will be connected with the Midland Institution for the Blind, Nottingham.

**Bradford Institution for the Blind.**—On the 9th ult., the new workshops at 38, Piccadilly, Bradford (in connection with the Incorporated Institution for the Blind), were formally opened by the Lord Mayor of Bradford. The rent, rates and upkeep of this extension will cost about £400 per annum, in addition to any supplement which may be given in wages to extra workers. In these new buildings basket making and mat weaving will be carried on: brush making and other work will still continue in the central building in the North Parade.

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## Association Notes.

### NEW WRITING FRAME.

Last month we announced a new "C" Frame for pen or pencil writing, the invention of a blind priest, who has freely given the benefit of the idea to his fellows. We then promised a full description of the frame, and accordingly print the following:—A metal groove-plate is fixed down each side of a polished mahogany board, and working in these side grooves is a metal plate, of a convenient size to take an octavo sheet of notepaper, and having a clip at the bottom end to fix the sheet in position. Notches have been made in the left hand groove, and an unobtrusive catch, which can be operated by the forefinger of the left hand, releases the plate and enables the paper to be moved upwards as required.

At a distance from the top convenient for writing, a round rod is fixed across the frame, to guide the hand along the paper, and having half-an-inch play to allow for the down strokes, very delicate springs keeping the rod in position.

When the catch is in the lowest notch the paper is in a position to take the first line of writing, and when the plate is moved up to the next notch the paper is raised sufficiently for the second line of writing to clear the first, and so on until the whole page is written.

The weight is not more than 1½ lb., and the size 7-in. by 12-in., ½-in. thick. There is little to get out of order, and the whole is of good material and workmanship, the metal parts being neatly finished and nickel-plated. Altogether, for compactness, portability, neatness, and strength this Frame leaves little to be desired. Price 10s. B. & F. B. A., 206, Great Portland Street, London, W.

## A BOON TO TRAVELLERS.

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## FRAME FOR WRITING SMALL CHARACTER BRAILLE.

At the suggestion of Mr. F. H. Merrick we have recently introduced an outfit for writing Braille of a size similar to the specimen given in the May issue of *Progress*, which, on account of the saving of space, will be appreciated by many who can use small Braille. The small Frame, using our standard small size Manilla, 7½-in. by 10¼-in., gives 35 lines of 28 cells each to the sheet ; the Large Frame, using standard large size Manilla, 10-in. by 13½-in., gives 47 lines of 40 cells each to the sheet.

One of our clients recently wrote as follows : "The new frame is a complete success, and the Association is to be congratulated on the production of so excellent a piece of apparatus. The economy of space is greater than in any frame I have seen, while the work obtained is thoroughly satisfactory."

Price : Large size 6s. 6d. : Small size 5s. 6d. each, complete, with fine style.

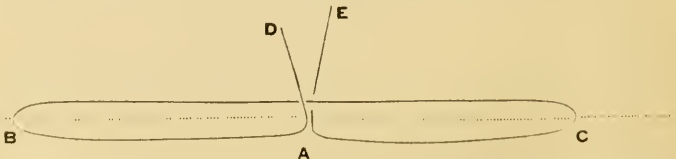
## NEW BINDING COVER FOR MSS., etc.

All who have seen these express their appreciation of the readiness with which the sections can be inserted in the covers, or removed as desired. For portability and convenience of changing sections, these covers are a great advance upon anything previously supplied. The Price is 1/- each : 1 doz. to 3 doz., 11/- per dozen : 3 doz. or more, 10/- per dozen. One tab for attachment will be supplied with each cover, and additional tabs can be obtained as desired, price 1d. each. When ordering, size (in inches) and also thickness of sheets to be inserted, should be stated. Our usual Manillas can be bound in this way, but the stitching is simplified if perforated Manilla is used.

We are preparing a further development of the same idea. Instead of the sections being fixed on detachable tabs, eyelet holes are placed in the corresponding part of the cover itself. Any special size can be made to order, but we are stocking the binding cases to suit the usual large, intermediate, and small sizes of Manilla paper, to take three thicknesses of sheets, as follows : ⅝-in., to take any number of sheets up to ½-in. thick, with one row of eyelets : 1¼-in., to take sheets up to 1-in. thick, two rows of eyelets : and 1⅞-in., to take sheets up to 1½-in. thick, three rows of eyelets. Prices :—⅝-in., limp cloth, flush, 4d. each ; boards, buckram back, marble sides, 6d. each : 1¼-in., limp cloth, turned-in edges, 6d. each ; boards, buckram back, cloth sides, 8d. each : 1⅞-in., limp, buckram back, cloth sides, turned-in edges, 8d. each : boards, buckram back, cloth sides 9d. each.

## STITCHING BRAILLE MSS.

The following description of a method by which small sections of Braille MSS. sheets, etc., can be quickly and securely stitched together will probably prove useful. The perforated Manilla paper lends itself most readily to this method, but where such is not used, holes must be made with the needle in a corresponding position. (If either kind of our new binding cases is used, the position of the eyelet holes will serve as a guide for the making of the holes in the sheets.)



The fine dotted line represents the fold or crease of the sheet, and a darning needle may be used, threaded with fine twine or bookbinders' thread. Commence stitching from the inside of the section through the centre hole (A) then pass the needle through either of the end holes (B) or (C), thus bringing the thread again to the inner side of the fold; carry across to the opposite hole (C) or (B) as the case may be ; thread through to the outside, and return through centre hole (A) in such a manner that the ends (D) and (E) are one on each side of the thread passing from (B) to (C). Tie these ends with a double knot and cut off close.

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### PERFORATED MANILLA.

In connection with all the above we are now prepared to supply perforated Manilla Paper to order (3 holes), any size or quality, without extra charge, and in order to standardise as far as possible, we shall, unless specially requested to vary the distance, perforate the two outer holes  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -in. apart (equidistant from each edge) *for every size*, the third hole being centred on the paper.

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**Mr. Joseph Ripley**, Tenor, of the Royal Academy of Music, Queen's Hall, Crystal Palace, and St. James' Hall Concerts, visits and receives Pupils for Voice Production and Singing. At the piano, Mrs. Joseph Ripley, who is an excellent accompanist. Pupils coached in English, French, Italian, and Latin Songs, Oratorio and Opera. Mr. JOSEPH RIPLEY, Fine Robust Tenor, can also accept engagements for Concerts, At Homes, Banquets, etc. (Entire programmes arranged). Large repertoire of popular songs. Terms moderate.—174, WARDOUR STREET, OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.

[Mr. Ripley has recently lost his sight, and we earnestly appeal for engagements for him.—Editor.]

**Mr. W. E. Lloyd, B.A.** (Worcester College for the Higher Education of the Blind and University of Oxford), desires post as Teacher in a School for the Blind. Thoroughly acquainted with finger alphabet, and is capable of dealing with deaf-blind pupils.—Address: 10, GLADSTONE ROAD, HOVE, SUSSEX.

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**Miss Lockett**, Experienced and Successful Teacher, who has been resident mistress in the Birmingham Blind School, seeks similar appointment, or private pupils. Higher Cambridge Certificate, with Honours in English Literature. Passed Examination of the College of Teachers of the Blind in Braille Reading and Writing, Arithmetic and Practical Teaching. Excellent references.—8, ALEXANDRA ROAD, HARROGATE.

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[We regularly purchase all the fuel for The British and Foreign Blind Association and our private house from Mr. Monro, and can thoroughly recommend his coals, both as regards quality and price. We urge all our friends to do what they can to promote trade for Mr. Monro.—Editor.]

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THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BLIND ASSOCIATION.

*In Preparation.*

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## The Care of the Feeble-Minded. ✓

**W**E are pleased to notice that the Report of the Royal Commission on "The Care and Control of the Feeble-Minded" is not likely to become a dead letter. A deputation from the Conference of Charity Organization and Kindred Societies, held at Worcester in June last, waited upon Mr. Gladstone at the Home Office, on 31st August, to urge the necessity for early legislation for the feeble-minded persons, on the lines of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Royal Commission. Mr. Gladstone encouraged the deputation by hinting that next year a practical effort would be made by the Government on the lines of the Report, and we hope that the claims of the mentally defective blind will not be overlooked. That portion of the Report which deals with blind defectives will be found on page 113, paragraphs 360-1-2-3, and is as follows:—

"360. The numbers of Blind and mentally defective and of deaf and mentally defective do not appear to be very great, and it is probable that one or two large institutions would be sufficient for the whole country. The cripple and mentally defective are much more numerous, but owing to the large number of paralytics among them, few of these are capable of much improvement, though greatly in need of care and treatment. With regard to imbecile, idiotic, and feeble-minded epileptics, there seems no reason why they should not be dealt with in the same institutions as other feeble-minded imbecile and idiotic cases, provided such institutions provide facilities for the adequate grading of all degrees of mental deficiency.

"361. At present there is only one institution in the country for blind and mentally defective children. This is Stormont House, and has been established by the London County Council. Mr. H. Stainsby, Secretary of the Institution for the Blind, Birmingham, referred to the Report of a Conference for the Welfare of the Blind (1902), which obtained statistics and opinions on the subject of defective blind children. There was some difference of opinion as to the advisability of special institutions for these children, but as it appeared that most blind institutions either refused to accept mentally deficient cases, or discharged them after a period of trial, the need for a special institution for such children became apparent. The Committee say that:—

‘Considering the peculiar difficulties of these cases, and the hardship that at present arises from the want of provision for them, the Committee are of opinion that, in spite of the great care bestowed on this class in those institutions for the Blind in which they are now sometimes admitted, there is at the present time a great need for the creation of a special institution for defective blind children, available for school authorities throughout England and Wales.’

“362. This Committee estimates that there are about 160 such children in England and Wales. It has followed the definition of the phrase ‘defective children’ as given in the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act, and has, therefore, taken no account of blind children who are idiotic, or imbecile. But Mr. Stainsby draws attention to their need. ‘They are,’ he says, ‘refused admission into schools for the Blind, whether day or residential, and so far as he is aware, are entirely unprovided for, being either at large or in workhouses. As a class they are untrained, unprotected, and uncontrolled.’ Further, he would, he says, remove such children compulsorily from their parents, but does not anticipate much difficulty on this head. In the case of the Blind, where such compulsory powers exist, they have seldom had to be put into operation. He prefers the block to the cottage system for the purposes of administration. He thinks one or two institutions would be enough for the whole country.

“363. These conclusions are confirmed by the statistics collected by Mrs. Hume Pinsent for the Birmingham Education Committee, from which it appears that only seven feeble-minded and blind children were found out of a total of 1,033 defectives of all descriptions. Miss Dendy says the numbers of blind and deaf feeble-minded are not large, and agrees that one institution for the whole country would probably be sufficient. Mrs. Burgwin estimates in London there are about thirty cases of school age of mentally defective blind. She thinks that these cases will be improved by training, but that few, if any, will be able to maintain themselves entirely, and will, therefore, need permanent institution care. Dr. Tredgold, and Mr. Illingworth, Superintendent of the Blind Asylum, Manchester, think that special institutions should be provided for blind epileptic children, as they cannot have sufficient care in ordinary blind schools, and the disturbance occasioned by the fits is detrimental to the other inmates.”

No notice with regard to the case of the mentally defective Blind would be complete unless mention were made of the ceaselessly active and leading part which Mr. Henry J. Wilson, Secretary of Gardner’s Trust for the Blind, has for years taken in this helpless, defenceless (though happily not very numerous) class. Mr. Wilson’s able paper read at the First International Conference on the Blind, held in Edinburgh, in 1905, will be recalled by many. We feel sure that this active interest will be maintained until adequate provision is made for all blind defectives.

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## Blind Travellers.

**A** CONFERENCE of blind travellers, organised by the Blind Travellers’ Defence Association, was held recently at Swiss Cottage School for the Blind, under the chairmanship of Mr. F. O. Smithers. The Chairman (himself a Railway Director), in

opening the discussion, said it was desirable to ascertain definitely whether railway companies could legally stop blind passengers from travelling on their lines. The average blind man, he contended, could not afford a guide, and railways were not more dangerous to the Blind than the streets. If the railways had power to refuse to carry blind passengers, then he believed that Parliament would come to the rescue.

Dr. J. Fletcher Little said he had consulted with eminent judges and counsel, who were of opinion that the railway companies had no legal right to act as they had done. Some Members of Parliament whom he had interviewed upon the subject had shown little sympathy, but the Blind owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Philip Snowden, who was a warm champion of their rights. Dr. Fletcher Little believed that in the event of the railway companies refusing to carry blind travellers they should not only go to Parliament with their grievances, but it might even be necessary to take legal proceedings. He suggested the raising of a fund by public subscription in order to test the matter in the courts of law if necessary. He urged the Blind to stand up for their rights as citizens and travellers.

Mr. H. Stainsby, Secretary General of The British and Foreign Blind Association, said it was quite an erroneous idea that the Blind were more liable to accidents than those who can see. The insurance companies had for a long time been under that delusion, but many of them were now recognising this error, and were willing to insure the Blind. In thirty years' experience he knew of no case of a serious accident in workshops for the Blind, although there had been accidents there to people who could see, while on the railways he knew of only one accident alleged to be due to the victim being blind. Although the Great Eastern Railway had withdrawn their indemnity forms which they obliged blind travellers to sign, there were some railways, especially in London, which still held out.

Canon E. L. Gedge, of Gravesend, stated in a letter that he had been stone blind for twenty-four years, during which time he had travelled incessantly and unattended. He was of opinion that a blind man of sound mind and health and ordinary intelligence was not liable to unusual risks in railway travelling, but he would involve himself in trouble if he were to act as madly as sighted persons do.

Several blind members of the audience gave their experience as travellers, Mr. Kelly stating that he had been refused a ticket by a ticket clerk of one of the Metropolitan railways on the ground that "they did not issue tickets to sweeps or blind men." Mr. F. L. Marriott said that he had been refused a railway ticket because he was blind, but he could not understand why he was not permitted to utilise the travelling facilities of a railway which was prepared to carry dogs, cats, and monkeys.

A committee was formally appointed to protect the interests of blind passengers on railways and other means of conveyance. Mr. T. H. Martin, Secretary of the Swiss Cottage School for the Blind, was appointed Secretary.

## Blindness among Infants.

AN important step has been taken by the Local Government Board in the direction of reducing infantile blindness. Orders have just been issued extending the application of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, to the disease known as *ophthalmia neonatorum* in the five pottery towns of Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Longton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, and Fenton. The effect of the Orders is that this disease is added to the list of diseases compulsorily notifiable under the provisions of the Act. This step has been taken on the application of the local authorities concerned, and the Board is understood to be willing to entertain similar applications from other districts.

*Ophthalmia neonatorum*, or purulent *conjunctivitis* of the newborn, appears in its most virulent type on the second or third day of life, while in the less severe type it may appear at any time up to the tenth day. Both of these types may cause blindness. The object of the suggested notification is to secure prompt and efficient medical treatment so that the child's eyesight might be saved. Failure to obtain such treatment is the chief cause of blindness dating from infancy, which implies, of course, a very heavy burden on the community for the support of blind persons. At the last census 25,317 persons were enumerated as Blind, of whom 4,621 were returned as blind from childhood. It is estimated that quite one-third of the latter are blind owing to this preventable cause.

The addition of the disease to the list of those which are compulsorily notifiable casts the duty of notification alike upon the head of the family and upon every medical practitioner in attendance, as soon as each becomes aware of the nature of the disease. No obligatory duty, however, is imposed upon midwives, who attend about half the confinements in the country. Figures do not appear to be available as to the number of cases of *ophthalmia neonatorum* followed by blindness in the practice of midwives and of doctors respectively. It is likely, however, to be disproportionately excessive in the practice of midwives. Although midwives are under an obligation by Clauses 18, 19, and 20 of the rules of the Central Midwives' Board to take the steps there set out for sending for medical help in the case of a child having inflammation of the eyes, however slight, and afterwards to notify the local supervising authority, few such cases have been notified in the past.

The local authorities are required to give public notice of the Board's approval of the Order in the localities concerned, both by advertisement and by handbills, and also to send a copy of the Order to each registered medical practitioner residing or practising in the district. The Orders will continue in force for a period of twelve months.—*The Times*.

[The census returns given above (25,317) refer to the number of blind persons in England and Wales. The Blind of Scotland totalled 3,253 and of Ireland 4,253.—EDITOR, *Braille Review*.]



## Blind School Teachers.

THE Board of Education have just issued the syllabus of the preliminary examination of blind candidates for the elementary school teachers' certificate, 1910. The examination for the admission of blind candidates to training colleges for the Blind will be held in 1910, at the end of June or the beginning of July, at the Royal Normal College for the Blind, Upper Norwood, S.E. Application for admission to the examination must be made to the Board of Education before May 1st. Candidates who have not been pupil teachers must be over eighteen years of age on October 1st, 1910. The date of birth must be forwarded to the Board of Education with the application for permission to attend the examination. Candidates must produce a medical certificate that they are too blind to be able to read ordinary school books used by children. Candidates employed in elementary schools must obtain from the managers a certificate of their physical fitness for the profession of teachers: those not so employed must produce a medical certificate to the same effect. A certificate examination for blind teachers will be held at the same time and place.—*The Times*.

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## Mansion House Meeting.

We venture to remind our readers that a meeting in aid of The British and Foreign Blind Association will be held at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, 6th October, at 3.30 p.m. The Lord Mayor of London will preside, the Lady Mayoress being also present. The speakers will include Sir James Crichton-Browne, Sir William J. Collins, Captain Towse, V.C., and Professor McHardy the Chairman of The British and Foreign Blind Association. Friends of the Blind who would like to be present should at once apply to the Secretary-General of the Association, 206, Great Portland Street, W., for tickets of admission.

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## News Notes.

### “Light on Dark Paths.”

An artistically produced and beautifully illustrated appeal-souvenir, with the above title, is being issued by The British and Foreign Blind Association. It is printed entirely on the Association's premises, and the Secretary-General will gladly forward one to anyone who would use it in the interests of the Association, on application being received at the offices.

### Readers please Note.

Mr. Walter H. Dixon, M.A., 13, Crick Road, Oxford, is leaving England on 24th November on a six months' visit to Australia. During his absence he asks that correspondence concerning the Free Library, Oxford, be addressed to the Librarian, Municipal Buildings, Oxford.

### Complimentary Dinner.

We should like to remind our readers that a Complimentary Dinner to Sir Francis and Lady Campbell will take place at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, 22nd October, at 7 p.m. Persons actively interested in the cause of the Blind are invited. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. H. J. Wilson, 53, Victoria St., S.W.



### **Script Signatures by the Blind.**

Many enquiries having been received by The British and Foreign Blind Association as to the best way of enabling blind persons to sign their own names, the following method has been devised, and is now being put to the test: The name of the person is embossed upwards on a piece of sheet zinc in script letters, such as are used in handwriting, only enlarged. From this, with a little help from a sighted friend, a blind person can acquire a perfect knowledge of the formation of the letters by tracing them with the forefinger. A second plate of zinc is engraved, *i.e.*, the name is depressed, the letters being of the size of those used in ordinary handwriting; in other respects it is an exact fac-simile of the name on the other plate. With a pencil or any pointed instrument a blind person may trace over and over again the name on the second plate, until able to write it on paper without any assistance.

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[Mr. Ripley has recently lost his sight, and we earnestly appeal for engagements for him.—Editor.]

**Mr. W. E. Lloyd, B.A.** (Worcester College for the Higher Education of the Blind and University of Oxford), desires post as Teacher in a School for the Blind. Thoroughly acquainted with finger alphabet, and is capable of dealing with deaf-blind pupils.—Address: 10, GLADSTONE ROAD, HOVE, SUSSEX.

**Miss J. Truman**, Competent and successful Teacher of Elementary Subjects, knitting (hand and machine), crochet, cane-weaving, chair-caning, etc., seeks post in school or private family. Thirteen years' experience. Good references.—62, SPRING LANE, UPPER CLAPTON, N.E.

**Miss J. Townsend** (Daughter of a leading Nonconformist Minister), desires a position as Missionary Home Teacher, or could take a position as Organist, Teacher of the organ, piano, singing and theory of music, or as Elementary School Teacher.—2, CHURCH PLACE, KEMP TOWN, BRIGHTON.

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## Association Notes.

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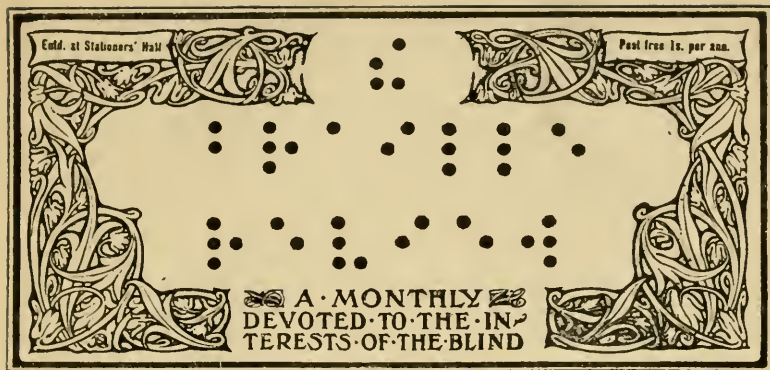
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## Mansion House Meeting.

**B**Y invitation of the Lord Mayor, who presided, a very largely attended meeting was held on the 6th ult. at the Mansion House, on behalf of The British and Foreign Blind Association. Among those present were the Lady Mayoress and Miss Truscott, Sheriff Slazenger, Miss Alice Armitage, Sir Francis and Lady Campbell, Sir James Crichton-Browne, F.R.S., Capt. E. B. B. Towse, V.C., Sir William J. Collins, M.D., M.P., Professor Malcolm M. McHardy, F.R.C.S. (Chairman of the Executive Council of the Association), Dr. Ranger, Mr. Walter H. Dixon, M.A., Mr. T. Yoshimoto (Japan), Mr. Henry J. Wilson (Secretary Gardner's Trust for the Blind), and Mr. Henry Stainsby (Secretary-General of the Association). Letters of regret for absence were announced from, among others, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Earl of Rosebery, Earl Waldegrave, the Earl and Countess of Yarborough, the Earl of Powis, Lord Gorell, the Bishop of Exeter, Mr. Robert Armitage, M.P., the Lord Mayor-elect and Lady Knill, and Sir Oliver Lodge.

The objects of the Association for promoting the education and employment of the Blind—of which the King and Queen are patrons—are briefly summarised as follows: "To print and distribute books for the Blind, and to supply all kinds of apparatus for their use: to investigate any questions with reference to the education, employment, and well-being of the Blind; to give advice and assistance of every kind to the Blind and those concerned with their well-being; and to promote the higher education, employment, and well-being of the Blind in every possible way." The Association was founded by the late Dr. T. R. Armitage, one of the greatest benefactors of the Blind the world has ever known, more than forty years ago, at a time when comparatively little was being done for the education of the Blind, of whom there are more than one million in the world to-day, and of these 34,000 in the United Kingdom and 600,000 His Majesty's subjects in India.



The Lord Mayor, in opening the proceedings, said that forty years ago, when the Association was founded, the condition of the Blind was looked upon as almost hopeless, and it was thought that the best that could be done for them was to guide and guard them through life. Now this state of things had entirely passed away, and through the efforts of the present and other Associations the Blind had been enabled to become useful and self-supporting members of the community. The work of the Association in its manifold developments had greatly increased, and the old premises had thereby been rendered totally inadequate to the demands made upon them. The Council had therefore adopted a bold policy, and without waiting to appeal to the public, had acquired a site, and were now engaged in building new headquarters. To obtain funds to proceed with and complete these new premises was the immediate object of the present meeting, and the Lord Mayor, in concluding, earnestly invited the generous contributions of all who were interested in the welfare of the Blind. Sir James Crichton-Browne, in the course of an eloquent address reviewing the origin and growth of the Association, said that just one hundred years ago, on January 4th, 1809, Louis Braille, the inventor of the Braille type, was born, and to Dr. Thomas Rhodes Armitage (whose daughter they had the pleasure of welcoming among them that day) was due its introduction into England. Whereas in 1868, when the Association was founded, there were very few Braille publications, there was now a vast quantity of embossed literature. This being necessarily extremely bulky, much storage space was required, and as the Association has outgrown its present premises, the Council had found it necessary to provide new premises which, including suitable equipment, would cost £40,000. The site was three times the size of the present site and the buildings would be ten times greater in capacity than the old building.

Other speakers were Sir William J. Collins, M.D., M.P., Mr. Walter H. Dixon, M.A., Captain E. B. B. Towse, V.C., Professor Malcolm M. McHardy, F.R.C.S. (Chairman of the Executive Council of the Association), Mr. T. Yoshimoto (Japan), Dr. A. W. G. Ranger, and Mr. Henry J. Wilson (Secretary of Gardner's Trust for the Blind). Our readers will remember that Captain Towse lost his sight in the Boer war whilst leading a brilliant charge against the enemy. Previously, at Magersfontein, he had borne Lieut.-Col. Downman away on his back in the face of a sharp fusilade of rifles and pom-poms.

In connection with the Mansion House Meeting a very interesting Exhibition of books and apparatus was held in the saloon adjoining the Egyptian Hall.

The net result to the Association was over £1,400.

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### Professor Malcolm M. McHardy.

**A**T the meeting of the Council of the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark, held 14th October, Professor McHardy notified his resignation as Senior Honorary Surgeon.

In making the announcement, Professor McHardy said he had taken advantage for several months of the extended leave of absence from



active professional duty granted him at the commencement of this year, the kind co-operation of his colleagues preventing him from having the mortification of relinquishing that active service for the hospital and its patients which commencing in 1871-2, he had rejoiced to be able to continue uninterruptedly until last Christmas.

He had hoped that by the generous indulgence accorded him he would have been able to continue in active professional office for some seven or eight years longer till the superannuation rule freed him from his labour of love.

However, very reluctantly he now realised that it would be fairer to his colleagues, Sir William J. Collins and Mr. L. V. Cargill, and to the excellent work of the charity, if he now sought the honour and comparative repose attached to the rôle of Consulting Surgeon, where his experience—matured through service in that and many other hospitals—would be cheerfully at their command.

He had worked whole-heartedly since 1872 (when he was introduced by his predecessor in office and greatly-gifted master in ophthalmology, Mr. Brudenell Carter) until this year, to advance the charity in that centre of teeming industrial masses as a model of efficiency and economy, as a sight-saving, blindness-minimising organisation.

He could not but feel grateful for the opportunity of reviewing and naming the spurs to, and results of, making the utmost of the chances—namely, the too-sparingly-entrusted alms of the laity and the indefatigable devotion of the surgical staff, which there were privileged, together, to return a demonstrable harvest of more than 5,500 per cent. per annum, in hard minimum wages alone, earned by a section of the restored, sight-threatened folk whom to the number of 26,000 new cases per annum were relieved there through that Council's stewardship, the honorary medical staff's application, and the repetition of the miracle of the widow's cruse of oil.

Such a blessed investment and agency at first dazzled him, but he had come to realise that it was outdone by what he saw being accomplished by another body.

Last year he was called to occupy the chair of the late Doctor T. R. Armitage, and to preside over the Executive Council of that incomparable foundation of his—The British and Foreign Blind Association. That Association's work, besides fostering such living philanthropy as skilled hospital doctors dispense in the minimising of preventable blindness, went far to dissipate the darkness of the world's Blind.

With such a transcendent revelation of the possibilities for happiness-making and happiness-winning before him at the helm of The British and Foreign Blind Association's Executive Council at this epoch-marking period, they would understand his impatience for that supplemented strength and time to devote himself to doing his duty there, and leaving with confidence to his successors in office at the hospital, active, strenuous professional work, whether surgical or professorial, of which, though still a glutton for work, he had ample across the water, while King's College Hospital, as well as private

practice, claimed his attention north of the Thames, where the head-quarters new premises of The British and Foreign Blind Association were now in course of erection.

He would not attempt to say more then. He hoped to meet them often and to be able to further the success of that excellent resolve, taken at their last meeting, to co-operate with all the power of the Hospital's organization and enterprise to utilise to the fullest effect the County Council's statutory permissive powers for husbanding the elementary school children's eyesight through the very years it was most exposed to the risk of irreparable damage.

He was proud and happy in taking that step to believe that it was for higher elevation; to enjoy the happiness Armitage, Campbell and Sullivan had shared in illustrating that truth of the prophecy of Isaiah, "And I will bring the Blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths they have not known: I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake them."

Professor McHardy retains his appointments as Senior Ophthalmic Surgeon to Kings' College Hospital and Professor of Ophthalmology at King's College. He is succeeded as Senior Honorary Surgeon to the South London Eye Hospital by his colleague, Sir William Collins, M.D., M.P.

While sympathising with the Royal Eye Hospital in the loss it has sustained by the resignation of Professor McHardy, we cannot but rejoice that The British and Foreign Blind Association have secured his services. The energy so cheerfully bestowed out of a full heart on the cause of the Blind cannot but bring success to The British and Foreign Blind Association. We cordially wish Professor McHardy long years of health and happiness to pursue his noble self-imposed calling.

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### Sunbeam Mission.

There is a special Branch of this Mission for the benefit of blind children among the poorer classes. Its object is to find friends who will write to them in Braille, and, by taking a little special interest in their lives, help to bring light into their darkness. The only obligation entailed by those who join is to send to a child month by month a letter or a short story in Braille, and to pay an entrance fee of one shilling. (This is not an annual payment.) Unsolicited help, however, is sometimes given in various other ways, such as little presents on birthdays and at Christmas, warm clothes in the winter, and occasionally even a country holiday in the summer.

Those who do not feel able to befriend any special child, can help forward the work of this Branch by joining it as Unattached Associates, and either writing little stories in Braille for the children or by sending suitable gifts to the Hon. Secretary, or by enlisting in the work of the Branch the sympathy of any other Braille writers they may happen to meet.

Those who desire further information are asked to apply to the Hon. Secretary, Miss B. Taylor, 39, Sylvan Road, Upper Norwood, S.E. (enclosing a stamped envelope), who will gladly answer any questions.

[Knowing as we do the good work this branch of the Sunbeam Mission is doing among blind children we very earnestly commend it to our readers.—EDITOR.]

## Dr. Schott on Heart Strain.

[We commend the following article to those who have the charge of the Physical Education of the Blind.—EDITOR, *Braille Review*.]

**A**T the opening of the session of the Postgraduate College, West London Hospital, on the 11th ult., Professor Theodor Schott, of Nauheim, gave an address with the title, "A Renewed Research on the Subject of Acute Overstrain of the Heart." The Duke of Abercorn in the chair.

After pointing out the increased attention that was paid in the latter half of last century to functional as opposed to valvular derangements of the heart, and referring to the importance of the work done by Peacock on cardiac strain, Dr. Schott said that experiments he had carried out in 1890 showed that severe physical exertion caused more or less dilatation of the heart, which, however, quickly subsided, though repetitions of excessive muscular strain were to be regarded as giving rise to overstrain of the heart. Objections had been raised that no heart could suffer permanent dilatation or hypertrophy through severe muscular strain unless it had previously been altered in structure or function, but it had been physiologically established that the simple performance of labour could lead to dilatation of the heart, and that there was such a thing as pericardiac hypertrophy. The exaggerated pursuit of athletics, which during the last twenty years had been constantly on the increase, had confirmed the observations he had made known in his first publication, and now large number of cases were on record in which simple physical overstraining, due to excessive indulgence in athletic sports, had impaired an healthy heart in youths who had not suffered from previous maladies nor indulged in the immoderate use of alcohol, tobacco, coffee or tea. There was, it was true, some conflict of opinion, and some observers had noticed a reduction instead of an enlargement after excessive exertion, but the determinations of the dimensions were not always made under the same conditions, and it was often difficult to compare different experiments one with another. But he thought English physicians had ample opportunity of confirming the view that in individuals previously normal, and solely through different forms of overstraining, the heart might be brought first to a state of acute dilatation, and finally, through repetition, to permanent dilatation with all its consequent phenomena.—*The Times*.

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### Notice.

M. de la Sizaranne, Secretary-General of the Valentin Haüy Association (9, Rue Daroc, Paris), has sent us a copy of the book he has just published on the Blind. It is entitled "Trente ans d'études et de propagande en faveur des Aveugles" (Thirty years of study and propaganda on behalf of the Blind), and is in French (letterpress), price 7f. 50c. The book epitomises M. de la Sizaranne's work at the Association and forms a cyclopædic treatise on the work of and amongst the Blind generally, but particularly in France.

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**Santa Lucia** for November contains a Special Article, entitled "The Pitch Lake," by Sir F. Treves.

## Association Notes.

### SCRIPT SIGNATURES BY THE BLIND.

The device for assisting blind persons to learn how to write their own names is likely to prove very useful. The name of the person is embossed upwards on a piece of sheet zinc in script letters, such as are used in handwriting, only enlarged. From this, with a little help from a sighted friend, a blind person can acquire a perfect knowledge of the formation of the letters by tracing them with the forefinger. A second plate of zinc is engraved, *i.e.*, the name is depressed, the letters being of the size of those used in ordinary handwriting; in other respects it is an exact fac-simile of the name on the other plate. With a pencil or any pointed instrument a blind person may trace over and over again the name on the second plate, until able to write it on paper without any assistance. The British and Foreign Blind Association are prepared to supply to any blind person the two zinc plates to enable them to practice the writing for 2s. 6d., postage 2d. extra.

### NEW "TROUP" FRAME FOR PEN OR PENCIL WRITING.

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### NEW BOOKS.

We have much pleasure in calling our readers' attention to two new books by Miss HELEN KELLER, entitled "The Miracle of a Life," and "The Practice and Preaching of Optimism." Letterpress copies of these can be purchased at The British and Foreign Blind Association, price 1s. each, post free 1s. 2½d., and 1s. 1½d. respectively.

### PROPOSED NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Secretary-General of The British and Foreign Blind Association will be glad to hear from those who would be prepared to order copies of "Gill's Oxford and Cambridge Geography," if the Council undertakes its publication in Braille. It is estimated to make four volumes, intermediate size, interlined, at 3s. 6d. per volume. This is an up-to-date work, more advanced than "Gill's *Junior* Oxford and Cambridge Geography," which was published by the Association in Revised Braille some time ago.

We have had several replies with reference to the publication in Braille of Book I. of "Chambers' Object Lesson Manual," which was brought to the notice of our readers a few months ago, but not sufficient to warrant the Council in incurring the expense of stereotyping. The book, one of the best for general use, is specially suitable for teachers, and all who would welcome such an addition to our list of Braille books should send along their orders at once.

### THE GAME OF

### Word-making and Word-taking, for the Blind.

**B**OXES of Letters, embossed in Braille on cardboard, and similar to those used by the sighted, are now sold by The British and Foreign Blind Association, 206, Great Portland Street, W., price 1s. per set, postage 2d. Cards to enable the players to keep the letters in a straight line can also be had for 2d. each, postage 1d. Besides being embossed in Braille, the letters are also printed in ordinary type, thus enabling the Blind and the sighted to play with ease together, even though the latter cannot read Braille.

It is hoped that these word-making boxes will be largely patronized, both as an aid to education, and also as an amusement for young and old, much trouble and expense having been involved in the production of them.



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**Spanish Gold**, by GEORGE A. BIRMINGHAM. In 3 vols., Large size, interpointed. Vol. I. (*ready Nov. 15th*), 3s.

**Morning and Evening Prayer**, with Occasional Prayers and Thanksgivings (arranged from the Prayer Book), by Rev. T. BARNARD (Worcester College for the Blind). Small size (uniform with Collects, Epistles and Gospels), interpointed. Price, cloth boards, 1s. 3d. Also unbound, in single sheets (4 pp.), 9d.

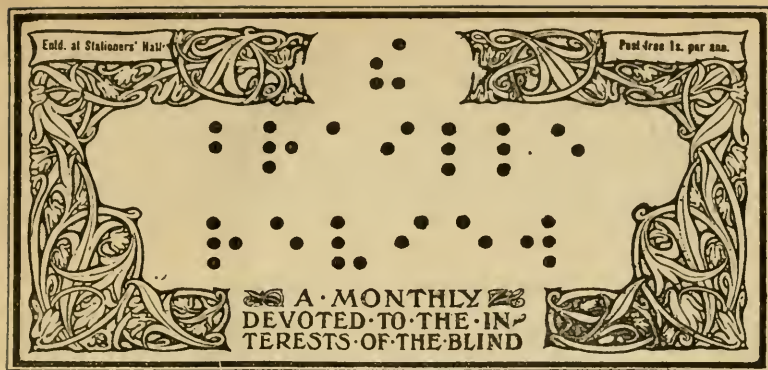
**Elements of Plane Trigonometry**, by R. LACHLAN, Sc.D., formerly Fellow of Trinity College, and W. C. FLETCHER, M.A., formerly Fellow of St. John's College. Illustrated by diagrams. This will be the fourth book which has been prepared and adapted for the use of the Blind by H. M. Taylor, Esq., M.A., F.R.S., and published by the Association, with financial assistance from the Embossed Scientific Books Fund, of which Mr. Taylor is the founder. Large size, interpointed, Grade II., 2 vols., price 2/6 each.



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- A May-Time Roundelay—Song** (Key E flat). Words by Ed. Teschmacher. Music by C. A. Trew. (Leonard & Co.) Price 4d.
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- Answers to Algebra.** This will form Vol. VI. of CHARLES SMITH'S work (previously catalogued in 5 vols.). Price 2s.
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- A Complete Catalogue of Works published in Braille Type by the Association** will be forwarded free on application. (In Braille 6d.)

Remittances should be made payable to the Secretary-General, 206, Great Portland Street, London, W., and crossed "London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd."



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## Proposed New Magazine.

THE Council of The British and Foreign Blind Association contemplate the publication of a new Braille magazine, devoted entirely to music, if a sufficient number of Subscribers can be obtained. The Editing of the Magazine will be in the hands of Mr. H. E. Platt, assisted by Mr. W. Wolstenholme, Mus. Bac., and Mr. H. C. Warrilow, L.R.A.M., F.R.C.O., three well-known and highly accomplished blind musicians, whose names are a guarantee that the new Journal will be most efficiently conducted. The following proposals show how comprehensive the Magazine will be, and how useful it must prove to all blind musicians:—

“(1) That the Magazine shall be called ‘The British and Foreign Musical Journal for the Blind.’ (The title is subject to modification, and we shall be glad to have suggestions from our readers as to what this should be.)

(2) That it shall be published bi-monthly, and on the 20th day of the month.

(3) That its dimensions shall be about the same as “Progress,” the price to be 1s., post free; Foreign, 1s. 3d., post free.

(4) That the Magazine deal with the following points:—

- (a) Literature, including articles both original and transcribed from other journals; also papers of interest which have been read from time to time before various Musical Societies.
- (b) Current news—special attention being paid to the doings of Blind Musicians.
- (c) Correspondence.
- (d) A Question Box.
- (e) One composition, either Pianoforte, Organ or Vocal, to be included in each number; the length to vary from about four to eight pages.
- (f) Competitions for the best Hymn Tunes, Chants, Kyeries, or any other short musical compositions.
- (g) Items of interest to all Blind Musicians.

The prize-winning pieces to become the property of the Journal, and to be ultimately published in book form.”

We make the foregoing announcement with much satisfaction because we are sure that the magazine will meet a long-felt want. In order to encourage the Council of The British and Foreign Blind Association to issue the Magazine we cordially invite the co-operation of all interested in the important subject of Music for the Blind. Promises to subscribe should be made *without delay* to the Secretary-General, The British and Foreign Blind Association, 206, Great Portland Street, London, W., England.

## Instruction in Braille.

**T**HE Council of The British and Foreign Blind Association assist and encourage sighted persons to learn to write Braille, and in order to make the instruction more efficient, as well as to foster employment for the Blind, they now send out to all persons desirous of learning Braille the following letter :—

“DEAR SIR (OR MADAM),

Referring to your letter to hand, my Council advise that you should learn the Braille System under the tuition of a blind expert whom they are prepared to recommend to you. The instruction would be conducted through the post at one shilling per lesson (payable to the teacher), plus postage both ways. The teacher advises what books and apparatus should be purchased, and generally directs the studies of the pupil until the latter is able to take the Certificate of Efficiency issued by this Association. The cost of a complete Braille outfit is 8s., post free. Four large sheets of Braille writing may be submitted to the teacher on the occasion of each lesson, and a written criticism will be made on these.

Kindly let me know whether you would like to be put into communication with a suitable teacher.—Yours, etc.”

We shall be glad to register the names of a limited number of efficient blind persons who will be willing to undertake such teaching. All applicants must hold the Braille Certificate of the Association, and must be able to correspond with sighted pupils either by typewriting or handwriting.

In connection with the issue of Efficiency Certificates to blind persons the Association will send test papers to blind readers, will examine their work and (if successful) issue the necessary Certificates free of charge.

## A Suitable “Home” Occupation.

**W**E venture to call our readers’ attention to the following letter which is appearing in *Progress*, and to the Editor’s remarks thereon:—

“SIR,

“100C, FAMBRIDGE ROAD,

MALDON, ESSEX.

May I request the hospitality of your columns, for the purpose of drawing the attention of your readers to the commercial advantages afforded by co-operation with the “Dorset Dairy Butter Agency.” Having been associated with this firm since first established, I can with every confidence recommend it to all those who are desirous of materially increasing their income, as a thoroughly sound commercial undertaking. The excellent quality of the butter ensures it a ready market, and my own experience is that the public are willing enough to give it a trial.

I reside in a country town surrounded by farms, but I find the butter supplied by the Agency easily holds its own and sells well. Agents in large towns might do even better, taking into account the general preference of Londoners for country butter. Carriage is paid on 24 lb., but there is no obligation to clear at once, as the quality of the butter does not suffer by being kept a week or two. Knowing your desire to advance our interests in every possible way, I venture to hope you will find space for this in your valuable Magazine.—Yours, etc.,

M. ISABEL EATON."

We draw special attention to this important suggestion. In our judgment the sale of eggs, butter, poultry, etc., could well be carried on in conjunction with Tea Agencies, and we recommend our readers who are not otherwise engaged to endeavour to secure commissions for the sale of dairy produce. There is no lack of thoroughly reliable Dairy Farms all over the Country, and a good living might be obtained by enterprising, energetic blind persons of both sexes.

We hope the day is not far distant when, under expert management, there may be established, solely for the benefit of the Blind, Dairy Farms and Market Gardens. These would find employment for blind and partially blind persons (male and female), not only in selling but also producing.

We think Dairy Farm and Market Gardens should be conveniently situated near towns, so that their produce may be easily marketable, beside which the nourishment for the land is easily and cheaply obtainable from the towns, where stable manure is often to be had for the fetching. We have recently been much impressed with the extraordinary success of market gardens located in the suburbs of Bristol.

### The Monetary Value of Sight Saved.

**W**E were much impressed at the recent Mansion House Meeting by a statement made by Professor McHardy, Chairman of The British and Foreign Blind Association, when speaking on the subject of preventable blindness. He showed that the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark, relieves from 25,000 to 26,000 new patients annually, the minimum wages of whom amount to £187,000 per annum. The total annual expenditure of the Hospital is a trifling £3,400, so that a small section of the work it does in the prevention of blindness means to those work-a-day folk no less a sum than £187,000 per annum in hard money wages! This is indeed striking testimony to the immense value which must be attached to preventable blindness.

### The Education of Partially-Sighted Children.

**I**N all Schools for the Blind there is a very considerable percentage of pupils who have partial sight, and it is generally agreed that such, in addition to tuition by "blind" methods, should also receive instruction in reading and writing by the same means as are in use in sighted schools. In some Institutions for the Blind classes in "sighted" reading and writing are being conducted with great success, but it is extremely difficult to obtain reading books with large letters.



We give below a series of letterpress types, and shall be glad to hear from teachers which (if any), are suitable for the partially-sighted children under their charge; also whether if books in a suitable type were published there would be any prospect of a sale for them.

In connection with this subject it is scarcely necessary for us to impress upon teachers and others the importance of not allowing partially blind children to use their vision for educational purposes until an ophthalmic surgeon has certified that they may do so without detriment to the little sight they possess.

**May we go**

**May we all sing**

**May every heart be gay**

**May gladness brighten every sad heart**

**May gladness brighten every hearth and home**

### **Point Systems.**

The Council of The British and Foreign Blind Association have appointed Miss Ada M. Youmans, 5407, Indiana Avenue, Hyde Park, Chicago, U.S.A., to ascertain the number of readers of the various Point Systems in use in the United States; also which System is preferred for (a) Reading, and (b) Writing. Will readers in U.S.A. kindly communicate with Miss Youmans as soon as possible?

### **New Vice-Presidents.**

Sir Francis J. Campbell, LL.D., and Mrs. Macy (Miss Helen Keller's teacher), have been elected Vice-Presidents of The British and Foreign Blind Association.

### **Pensions for the Blind.**

Certain details were recently published as to the Will of the late Miss Edith Rebecca Lord. We regret to learn that the statements in the public press are misleading, and to some extent inaccurate.

We make this statement in order to prevent the disappointment which might otherwise be felt by applicants for benefits under the Will in question.

The Will has not as yet been proved. In the meantime the family of the deceased lady desire that no particulars should be made public with respect to her charitable or other wishes.



## Blind Travellers' Defence Committee.

In view of the difficulties encountered by blind travellers it has been found advisable to collect information on this point.

All blind persons who have been stopped or delayed on account of blindness when travelling are requested to send full particulars as to date, place, name of company or conveyance, officials, etc., with railway ticket, if issued, to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Thos. H. Martin, Blind School, Swiss Cottage, N.W.

## Christmas Presents to suit all Purses.

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Chess or Draughts Sets, complete, from 5s. to 15s.

Game of Word-Making and Word-Taking, 1s.; Card to keep lines straight, 2d.

Dominoes, with raised pips, 2s.

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Frame for Writing Braille: Small size, complete, 4s. 3d.; Large size, complete, 5s. 6d. (Guide nickel plated, 6d. extra.)

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Pocket Frame, post card size, 3s. 6d.

Brass Guide for Giant Dot (one-line, fits small board), 2s.

Spring Erasers, 8d.

Moll's Safety Style, 6d. Saddle-back handled Style, 4d.

Stainsby-Wayne Braille Writers—

Interlining, Small size, £1 15s.; Large size, £1 17s. 6d.

Interpointing, „ „ £2; „ „ £2 2s. 6d.

Interpointing and Interlining (two boards), Small size, £2 2s. 6d.; Large size, £2 5s.

"Eureka" Writing Desk, for pen or pencil writing, with Lock-up Drawer, 6s; Flat Board only, 4s.

"C" Frame, for pen or pencil writing (size 7-in. by 12-in.), 10s.

Metal Writing Frame, for pen or pencil writing, with elastic guide lines, Note size, 1s. 6d.; Large size, 2s.

"Troup" Frame, for pen or pencil writing, with elastic guide lines, (fits Small Braille Board), 1s. 6d.

Disc for Teaching Geometry, 1s. 10d.

Webster's Tape Measure for the Blind, 3s.

Brass Foot Rule for the Blind, 1s. 9d.

Carrying Case, for Braille board, book, and paper, 2s. 6d.

### BINDING CASES.

New Binding Covers for MSS. (for sections on detachable tabs), 1s. Additional Tabs, 1d. each.

Ditto, eyeletted (Large, Intermediate and Small),  $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. back. one row of eyelets, limp cloth, flush, 4d.; boards, buckram back, cloth sides, 6d.  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. back, two rows of eyelets, limp, etc., 6d.; boards, etc., 8d.  $1\frac{3}{8}$ -in. back, three rows of eyelets, limp, etc., 8d.; boards, etc., 9d.

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"Special," Hunter cover, usual glass replaced by bezel on which hours are indicated by Braille dots: Gentleman's size (18 carat), £9 7s. 6d.; Lady's ditto, £7; Gentleman's ditto (15 carat), £7 17s. 6d.; Lady's ditto, £6; Gentleman's ditto, (9 carat), £5 12s. 6d.; Lady's ditto, £4 15s.; 20 years' Gold-filled, either size, £3 5s.; Silver Double Case, ditto, £1 15s. 6d.; Nickel ditto, ditto, £1 4s.

The "C.K." Watch, hours indicated by raised pegs round dial, the one on hour last past sunk to level of the dial, only the minute hand being required: Gentleman's size, 18 carat, £13 10s.; 15 carat, £12; 9 carat, £8 10s.; Silver case, £2; Nickel do., £1 10s.

The "A.E.M." Watch, embossed figures and Braille dots round the rim: Gold case (9 carats), £3; Gold-filled case, £1 10s.; Silver case, £1 5s.; Nickel case, Gentleman's, 17s. 6d.; Ditto, Lady's, 15s.

Repeaters, Gun-metal Quarter Repeaters, £3; Oxydised Minute Repeater, £7.

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Birds' Christmas Carol (K. D. Wiggin), 2s. 9d.

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Sixty Years a Queen (4 vols.), 12s. Nansen's Story, 3s.

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Texts for every day of the Year (from "Daily Light"—Morning) (2 vols.), 5s.

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**FRENCH-GERMAN DICTIONARY.**

A French-German and German-French Dictionary, of which each part will occupy five large volumes, is about to be issued in Braille by the International Association of Blind Students. All who are interested in the publication should apply for particulars concerning it to Herr R. Kraemer, Heilbronn a-N, Bismarkstr. 22, Germany.

**"NOTES ON TWO-MOVE CHESS PROBLEMS, and How to Solve Them." By P. H. WILLIAMS.**

A Braille edition of this little book has just been published by The British and Foreign Blind Association, price 9d. Those who already know how to play chess and wish to become acquainted with problem solving will find it very helpful, and those who do not know the game will find all the preliminary information in "First Steps in Chess" (published in Braille by The British and Foreign Blind Association, price 1s.). The author begins by explaining the technical terms, after which he gives examples of various two-move problems, with notes showing how the would-be solver should set about his task. Next follows a collection of easy problems and their solutions, to give the student an opportunity of applying the knowledge he has gained. In conclusion there is a word to solvers and composers, and a note to the Braille edition added by the author, explaining how problems should be written when intended for publication in sighted print.

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**Mr. Louis J. Lardent**, a Certificated Medical and Surgical Masseuse, is in urgent need of work. We earnestly ask our friends to try to secure this.—23, ROSEMARY ROAD, SUMNER ROAD, PECKHAM, S.E.

**Miss Ruth M. Davis**, Blind Shorthand Writer and Typist, desires post as Correspondence Clerk, or would be pleased to receive private orders for typewriting. Excellent testimonials.—29, GILLINGHAM STREET, ECCLESTON SQUARE, S.W.

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